



Village Update

News from the Municipality



Property Taxes are due Wednesday, July 14 by 4:00 p.m.

Just a reminder that property taxes are due Wednesday, July 14 by 4:00 p.m. The Village Office will be open on that day. If paying by cheque, please drop your payment off at the Village Office in person or after hours through the mail slot as cheques mailed will not arrive before the due date. Any payments received after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14 must be processed as overdue and assessed a penalty (5% on July 15 and 5% on September 2 if still unpaid). Please remember to claim your Home Owner Grant (online at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) as it is also due July 14.

HOMEOWNER GRANT PROCESS VILLAGE JURISDICTION NUMBER: 537



Haven't claimed your 2021 home owner grant? Claim now online before your taxes are due (July 14, 2021) at gov.bc.ca/homeowner_grant.

As previously communicated, municipalities will no longer be accepting applications for home owner grants (HOG's). All applications must now be made through the Province. In order to claim your HOG on-line with the Province, you will need the Village's jurisdiction number (537) and your roll number in the BC Assessment format which can be found on the BC Assessment website <https://www.bcassessment.ca/Property/AssessmentSearch>.

You can also search for your property using your civic address - please use the civic address as shown on your property tax notice.

Property Tax Deferrals

For those homeowners who defer their property taxes with the Province, please ensure that you do not have any **property taxes in arrears** (this information can be found on your Tax Notice).

Taxes in arrears must be paid in full before you can defer your property taxes; your deferral application will be rejected by the Province if you have taxes in arrears.



CN has received a cease operations order from Transport Canada effective for a period of **48 hours** as of **July 9, 2021 00:01PT between Kamloops and Boston Bar, British Columbia**. All rail operations, excepting those required for emergency fire response or maintenance and repair work, will cease in this area. In conjunction with the cease of operations, CN will also be suspending hot car and shutdown process during this time period.

As a result please be aware that Transport Canada understands that CN intends to operate 2 trains per day with a train length of 80 rail cars (6000 ft. excluding locomotives) and **Lions Bay will see increased train traffic. Please exercise extra caution near or adjacent to the tracks to increase awareness and safety.**

To contact CN, phone 1-888-888-5909 or email contact@cn.ca.

The need to reroute traffic is a result from the rail infrastructure damage due to the Lytton fire, where there is a portion of tracks in the Fraser Canyon that are unpassable and repairs cannot be commenced immediately at this time. This rail infrastructure damage has an implication to the flow of goods and supplies within Canada.

We continue to work closely with the local authorities and First Nations. In the

interim, CN is also working to detour limited traffic where possible in order to decongest the network. CN is working with all stakeholders including First Nations to reopen the Lillooet line which runs from Vancouver to Prince George via Squamish, Lillooet, Exeter, and Quesnel for limited traffic (not exceeding approximately 80 cars per day) primarily for BC North.

Safety is a core value at CN and we take this seriously. Our crews on the trains and working on the tracks remain focused on minimizing the risk of brush fires along the railway. We are also planning to inspect all bridges with Transport Canada, have run test / geometry cars on the line looking for irregularities and will patrol ahead of the north bound trains and behind the south bound trains.

We are doing this through a number of actions:

- stepped up patrols along the railway to look for any signs of fire
- continue to inspect locomotives and other rail car equipment for mechanical issues
- review of electronic inspection equipment data that monitors trains for potential mechanical problems that could lead to sparks
- work crews in the field are equipped with fire suppression equipment including water pumps and foam to fight potential fires
- all field employees monitor trains as they pass looking for any problems that could spark a fire.

Some additional background:

GENERAL VIGILANCE DURING FIRE SEASON – extra emphasis during these dry conditions

- When there is a report of a brush fire along the tracks, CN inspects equipment and reviews train movements to determine if any mechanical issues can be identified as a potential cause of any individual fire.
- Issued notices to all crews re-enforcing proper procedures for fire mitigation during dry conditions like Manitoba is experiencing at this time.
- CN works with local fire departments when fires are spotted along our railway right of way to make notifications immediately.
- Anyone who spots a fire along a rail right of way should immediately call the local fire department.
- CN can also be notified through our police emergencyline at 1-800-465-9239

FOR LOCOMOTIVES:

- Mechanical crews regularly inspect locomotives and other equipment to reduce the risk of sparks that could potentially lead to brush fires
- These inspections are stepped up in the spring and during times with such dry conditions.
- Special engine handling procedures put in place when conditions are dry

ON THE TRACK:

- CN conducts brush cutting along the rail right of way to reduce the risk of fires.
- Engineering crews working on the track monitor weather temperature conditions and must follow specific procedures to reduce and eliminate sparks. That includes restrictions based on wind and other weather conditions

Please also be assured Transport Canada is lending its support to impacted communities during this challenging times. Transport Canada has been

conducting compliance inspections on the track between Prince George and Vancouver, including track, bridges and operations inspections in anticipation that CN will begin using the line. Transport Canada inspectors will be in strategic locations to provide oversight as CN begins further use of the track.

NO FIRES!



NOTICE OF FIRE HAZARD LEVEL INCREASE TO “HIGH” AND CAMPFIRE BAN

The recent/on-going extreme heat event has allowed for the threat of wildfires in BC to increase. Wildfire ignitions are more likely now due to human-caused fires. Temperatures will remain 5-10 degrees above normal in the wake of the extreme heat event. As a result, the BC Wildfire Service has increased the rating for the Coastal Zone to High and will follow that up with a province-wide campfire ban beginning at noon, Wednesday, June 30, 2021. To keep up to date on the current fire ratings visit the [Provincial Wildfire Activity](#) site and to view the current bans and restrictions visit [Fire Bans and Restrictions](#) page.

In addition to the open fire and campfire bans, the Municipality would like to remind all residents and contractors of the fire causing potential of high-risk activities that may cause sparks such as:

- Excavating
- Drilling
- Grinding
- Hot works such as welding
- Mechanical Brushing or Land Clearing
- Trenching
- Using Fire or Spark Producing Tools, including chainsaws, angle grinders, and cutting tools
- Using or Preparing Fireworks or Pyrotechnics

Please ensure you or your contractors are extra vigilant during this period of extreme heat, curtail activity after 1 pm, have fire suppression supplies on hand and implement a two-hour post-construction activity fire watch where conditions warrant.



How clean does my recycling need to be?

Residents are encouraged to rinse containers before recycling them, but is this necessary? How clean do they need to be?

Rinsing your containers before adding them to the recycling bin makes for a more pleasant recycling experience at home and in recycling facilities and can help ensure that more materials are recycled.

Containers don't need to be spotless, but a quick swish in the dish water before you empty the sink will go a long way towards reducing pests, odours, and mess. A stubborn bean or a splash of sauce in the wall of a can is okay, but if you could make another sandwich with the peanut butter or mayonnaise left in the jar, please empty the container before adding it to your recycling. It's wasteful and can cause problems further down the recycling line.

When we recycle, all of the materials are sorted at a material recovery facility (MRF – rhymes with smurf). At a MRF all of the materials are mixed with other materials. If something is half-full of food or water, it will spill onto the other items. This can ruin the quality of the other materials in the bin such as cardboard and paper. The wet and food contaminated paper is then destined for a very expensive trip to the landfill instead of a new life.

By making sure items are empty, clean, and dry you are also preventing odors, mold, and pests – but more importantly, you're ensuring bears and other wildlife are not attracted to your recycling. In processing facilities, packaging with residual contents still inside can damage machinery—or workers. Aerosol containers are especially hazardous; please ensure these are empty before adding them to your recycling. And definitely do not add containers with any product remaining to your recycling. Use or dispose of the contents first then add the container to your recycling.

One final note – Recycling cannot be put out at the curb before 5:00 am on collection day – it's the LAW and breaking it will net you a minimum fine of \$60.00 and could land you a \$300.00 fine if wildlife is attracted to your recycling.



Thursday, August 5th
8:00AM - 3:00PM

BC Hydro has reschedule the power outage to July 16th from 8:00am to 3:00 pm (estimated and weather dependent).

Check the locations here:

<https://www.bchydro.com/poweroutages/app/outagelist.html#planned-521980323>.

To find ways to prepare and get the latest status, visit:

<https://www.bchydro.com/safety-outages.html>.



- 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting, July 13, 2021 at 7:30pm
- Climate Action Committee Meeting, July 21, 2021 at 7pm
- Regular Council Meeting, July 27, 2021 @ 7pm

Note: We have changed the way we do Council meetings to meet physical distancing requirements. Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom.

Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found here.

Public Viewing Etiquette:

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Please read the instructions.*
- *Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired). Please do not interrupt Council discussion.*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).*
- *If interruptions are repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting.*

As per the current Provincial Health Order, only five people can be in the Council Chambers at one time.

What's Happening in Lions Bay

HEY LIONS BAY:



**COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MADISON
AND TEAM CANADA IN TOKYO!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME - JULY 23 - SCHOOL FIELD 6-8PM**

The Lions Bay Olympic Rally & Community Picnic Friday July 23rd from 6-8pm | Lions Bay School Field

Wear red & white Olympic colours, pack a picnic and chairs and join us to support our Village Olympian Madison Mailey, and celebrate the Opening Ceremonies in Tokyo.

Enjoy speeches by dignitaries, a speech by Lions Bay former two-time Olympian John Smart and live music. Proudly sing the Canadian anthem and cheer wildly for our village Olympian Madison Mailey.

*** Lions Bay residents and their invited guests are welcome and we ask you to try to walk to the event as parking will be limited. You can drop your chairs and picnic basket on the field prior to the event at 5pm, so you can still leave your car at home and walk to the event without all your gear. We ask you to pack everything you bring out! Let's be COVID safe, please do not come if you are sick. ***

Stay tuned for Wednesday's Special Edition with more Lions Bay Olympic history and information.



Here for you

CN Public Inquiry Line

CN's Public Inquiry Line is the central point of contact for the public with non-emergency concerns, such as:

- Noise
- Train whistling
- General property maintenance
- Etc.

To contact the team:

(Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., ET)

1-888-888-5909 | contact@cn.ca

CN Police

CN Police staff will answer emergency calls and dispatch officers when appropriate.

There are many reasons to call CN Police, such as:

- Trespassing on tracks
- Unlawful activity
- Crossing signal defect
- Etc.

To contact CN Police

Emergencies: **1-800-465-9239** (24/7)

Non-urgent suspicious activities: CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca



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